

INTRODUCTION

THE STATE HIGHWAY PLAN'S PURPOSE

The Idaho Transportation Department's mission is to provide high quality, cost-effective transportation systems that are safe, reliable and responsive for the economical and efficient movement of people and products.

This purpose of the State Highway Plan is to:

- Help the Idaho Transportation Department carry out this mission as it relates to the state highway system.
- Help the Idaho Transportation Department decide how to balance limited resources while fulfilling this mission.
- Identify strategies for maintaining, preserving, and improving state highways.
- Identify construction and maintenance needs for roadways and bridges.
- Identify current available funds and projected funds.
- Identify which needs, based on financial constraints, will be met.
- Form the basis for development of future state transportation programs, budgets and projects.

THE STATE HIGHWAY PLAN'S RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER PLANS

The Idaho Transportation Department is responsible for providing safe and efficient travel for all modes of transportation. This State Highway Plan is one element of the statewide planning effort. The State Highway Plan, which covers the period to 2017, will join with the following plans to identify the future of Idaho's transportation system.

Idaho State Rail Plan
Idaho Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation Plan
Idaho Aviation System Plan
Idaho Public Transportation Plan, *MOVIN' Idaho*

Strategic guidance is provided to all these plans by the Idaho Transportation Plan, which identifies goals, objectives, and strategies.

The State Highway Plan provides an overall assessment of the highway needs for the state system and provides the framework for making decisions regarding future projects, but does not make specific project recommendations. District Corridor Plans examine and attempt to reconcile differences between proposed highway projects and local comprehensive plans, and prioritize projects. The Statewide Transportation Improvement Program finalizes those decisions.

The State Highway Plan was developed with input from local jurisdictions. The importance of continued coordination with local jurisdictions cannot be over-emphasized, and ITD's goal is to develop consensus, if possible, with local jurisdictions on anticipated needs. In addition, ITD recognizes that the State Highway Plan must be flexible enough to respond to change. It is anticipated that when local plans change, this document may need to be modified also, as part of an on-going update process. This guide should be used by local planning organizations as a source of highway data and planning methodologies from a state-level perspective.

The relationship between the plans is diagrammed below.

